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SUMMARY. GOE OFFICIAL SAYS CANCELLATION OF EXTRAORDINARY
SUMMIT ON SAHARA COULD WORK AGAINST MOROCCAN INTERESTS
SINCE QUESTION MAY NOW COME UP AT JULY OAU SUMMIT. END
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SUMMARY.

1. DIRECTOR MFA AFRICAN DEPT AHMAD SIDQI TOLD EMBOFFS
MARCH 9 THAT LIBREVILLE EXTRAORDINARY OAU SUMMIT ON
SAHARA QUESTION HAD BEEN CANCELLED PRIMARILY FOR
FINANCIAL REASONS. GABONESE PRES BONGO HAD REQUESTED
\$8 MILLION FROM OAU SECRETARIAT TO OLD SUMMIT, BUT OAU

OFFICIALS HAD DETERMINED THAT ONLY \$1.5 MILLION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. BONGO THUS CANCELLED SUMMIT. SIDQI HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT LIBYA AND/OR ALGERIA HAD VOLUNTEER-ED TO FINANCE SUMMIT MEETING, BUT NO LIBYAN/ALGERIAN FUNDS WERE APPARENTLY FORTHCOMING.

2. SIDQI COMMENTED THAT, IN WAKE OF CANCELLATION, OAU NOW PLANNED TO DISCUSS SAHARA QUESTION "EN MARGE" (I.E. NOT AS AGENDA ITEM) DURING OAU SUMMIT IN JULY 1978 IN KHARTOUM. SIDQI DID NOT BELIEVE THIS SOLUTION WAS IN MOROCCO'S INTEREST: UP TO PRESENT, MOROCCO HAD SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING SAHARA QUESTION OUT OF OAU PLENUMS, WHERE ALGERIA'S MORE RADICAL FRIENDS COULD GANG UP ON MOROCCO AND MAURETANIA, BY CLAIMING IT SLATED FOR DISCUSSION IN SEPARATE MEETING. SIDQI DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER GOE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION, BUT OPINED THAT MOROCCO WOULD DO BETTER TO CALL FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT. EILTS

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